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Dr. Cathy Johnston performs a demonstration of new Portable Ultrasound System on test patient Dr. Ross Thomas as donors look on.

Donor Dollars Making an Impact at the Sackville Memorial Hospital

As a result of the generous support provided in the 2012 **The more we see the more we can help** campaign, the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation was able to purchase a new **Portable Ultrasound System**. While this technology is relatively new, it has become standard



**The more we see
the more we can help**

in many emergency departments and it is already making a strong impact in the quality of care at our Hospital.

"I'm thrilled with it. The images are very clear," exclaims Dr. Cathy Johnston, Chief of Emergency

Medicine at SMH. Dr. Johnston uses the device almost every ER shift and has been particularly pleased with its usefulness in assessing heart failure, collapsed lung and shock, applications she wasn't expecting to use as frequently as she has. The Portable Ultrasound System allows physicians to evaluate heart failure and

shock in some ways better than with more invasive methods. As expected, the Portable Ultrasound System has also been helpful assessing swollen joints, lumps and bumps. It's invaluable when used in trauma cases to diagnose internal bleeding, with older patients who suffer abdominal pain to diagnose abdominal aortic aneurysms and with women having complications in the early stages of their pregnancy.

"This technology assisted me in formulating a diagnosis more quickly, and ultimately, helps expedite the correct treatment at the most appropriate facility," added Dr. Johnston.

Due to the generosity of our many donors, the SMH Foundation reached its fund raising campaign goal of \$100,000. These funds were also used for a special bathtub to enhance seniors' comfort and safety, and two more hospital beds.

Staff Education: A Priority for the Foundation

The Foundation provides funds for staff education at the SMH and the Port Elgin and Region Health Centre. The following staff have been awarded funds (April 1, 2012 to present) to assist in their education which in turn benefits patients and their families. Education funding is a partnership of the Foundation, SMH and the Sackville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Over \$9,000 was spent on staff education this past fiscal year.

Staff person	Participated in
Carol Nicholson	Annual NB Diabetes Educators Conference
Charlene Pauley	New Brunswick Operating Room Nurses (NBORN) Provincial Conference
Susan Johnson	NBORN Provincial Conference
Brenda Levesque	NBORN Provincial Conference
Christine Dean	NBORN Provincial Conference
Heather Scoggins	NBORN Provincial Conference
Marilyn Goodwin	Annual NB Diabetes Educators Conference
Angela Mundle	Med Lab Week 2012 Spring Symposium
Kathy Andrews	Med Lab Week 2012 Spring Symposium Worksafe NB Health & Safety Conference
Angela Tower	Medical Education Conference Series Tide of Change: Celebrating the (NP) Nurse Practitioner Role
Holly MacNeill	The Cervical & Thoracic Spine Seminar
Holly Wry	Worksafe NB Health & Safety Conference
Marilyn Goodwin	Canadian Diabetes Association Professional Conference
Jacquie Savoie	Pediatric Emergency Care Course
Christine Dean	Atlantic Operating Room (OR) Nurses Conference
Susan Johnson	Atlantic OR Nurses Conference
Heather Beal	Atlantic OR Nurses Conference
Barb Duplessis	Trauma Nursing Core Course
Phyllis Wheaton	Basic Food Safety Training
Caroline Dupuis	Microbiology Workshop
Shelley Miller	Microbiology Workshop
Joanne Smith	Microbiology Workshop
Ann Mary Romariz	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider Course
April Jose	ACLS Provider Course
Jose Oliver	ACLS Provider Course
Cathy LeBlanc	ACLS Provider Course
Jacquie Savoie	Heart & Stroke Clinical Updates
Mike Grimes	Heart & Stroke Clinical Updates
Leslie Ritchie	Heart & Stroke Clinical Updates

You are invited!

The public is invited to the launch of the Foundation's 2013 Campaign which is being held in the hospital atrium on **Thursday, March 14th** at 12 noon. Exciting details of new equipment purchases will be announced at that time. A light lunch will be served. **All are welcome!**



SMHF Board Member Sean Ward congratulates Lucas Jarche and Karrah Richard on being awarded \$500 bursaries.

Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation Awards Bursaries

Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation Bursaries were presented to Lucas Jarche and Karrah Richard, both Class of 2012 graduates at Tantramar Regional High School. The Foundation provides two \$500 bursaries to TRHS students who plan careers in the health care field. One of the bursaries was established in honour of Foundation board members who have passed away.

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation

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A New Service for **Extra-Mural Program (EMP)** Made Possible by Hospital Foundations

Telehomecare, a new service for patients and attending health care professionals with the Driscoll and Tantramar Extra-Mural Units, has been made possible thanks to a donation from the Friends of The Moncton Hospital Foundation, Bennett and Albert County Healthcare Foundation and the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation. The total funding provided by all three foundations is \$81,600, enabling the purchase of 24 devices.

Telehomecare is a remote monitoring system whereby patients transmit personal health data to Extra-Mural via a monitoring unit in their homes. This data is reviewed each day and should a trend be noticed or data not fall within expected parameters, the nurse or respiratory therapist intervenes.

Candidates for this program are patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and/or Congestive Heart Failure (CHF). These conditions have a significant incidence of hospitalization or re-admission upon discharge which may be prevented with the Telehomecare system.

Terry Morrissey, Director of the Extra-Mural Program, Horizon Health Network, Moncton Area, says an integral part of this service is the education with the patients so they learn to recognize and self manage aspects of their condition.

“When patients and caregivers are aware of the signs and symptoms that trigger exacerbations of COPD and CHF, they can take steps to prevent complications. This results in better health management and may prevent the need for a visit to the hospital due to a sudden crisis,” says Morrissey.

The equipment remains in the home for about three months. During this period the patient receives education and consultation regarding the condition. Together with the respiratory therapist and /or nurse, the patient recognizes what he/she can do when early signs and subtle change in condition occur, thereby reducing a possible preventable admission.

Morrissey is very pleased that the Foundations have supported this remote monitoring equipment to improve the health and wellness of residents in our surrounding communities.

“We are very grateful for the financial support of the three foundations, otherwise this Telehomecare service would not have been possible,” says Morrissey.

The goal is that each monitor will benefit approximately three clients per year. The devices have been purchased and have already been distributed to several clients. The Driscoll and Tantramar Extra-Mural Programs serve residents of Moncton, Sackville and Albert County areas.

Patient Grateful for **Telehomecare Technology**

“I’ve been living in Dorchester for 53 years,” says Hubert Purdy, the second resident of the Tantramar region to benefit from the Telehomecare technology. Purdy has had a history of heart



problems including four previous heart attacks and congestive heart failure. His condition is carefully monitored through his Telehomecare device which is located beside his bed in his Dorchester home. Each day, he is prompted to weigh himself, measure his blood pressure and answer three or four health care questions that have been chosen specifically for him.

The information collected is then sent directly to Purdy’s health care providers at the Tantramar Extra-Mural Program.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Jennifer Carter has found the technology particularly helpful in spotting trends in a patient’s condition. “Normally, we can’t take a patient’s vitals everyday. But by collecting information daily through the Telehomecare device, we’re able to see what indicators can lead to bigger problems. This helps us prevent a crisis and allows us to respond to problems more quickly.”

By using the telehomecare technology patients take an active role in monitoring their health problems, learn more about their condition, and to address early symptoms.

Purdy has only been using the technology for a brief time but already finds it very helpful and easy to use. The longtime resident is thankful for the device and is particularly fond of the healthcare providers who monitor his well-being. “I couldn’t live without them!”



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation is to raise funds and administer its resources to preserve, maintain and enhance the quality of health care in the Tantramar region.



Foundation Chair, Andy Marr and Fundraising Chair, Pat Estabrooks stand proudly in front of the new donor recognition wall which is located in the main lobby of the hospital.

New Donor Recognition Display Impresses Donors

The Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation recently unveiled a new donor recognition display which acknowledges donors for their contribution to the hospital. The Partners in Giving donor recognition program recognizes gifts for the following levels:

- Benefactor** \$1,000 - \$4,999
- Partner** \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Founder** \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Trustee** \$25,000 - \$49,999
- Leader** \$50,000 - \$99,999
- Developer** \$100,000 - \$249,999
- Builder** \$250,000 - \$499,999
- Philanthropist** \$500,000 - \$999,999
- Humanitarian** \$1,000,000

All levels are cumulative from 1998. The display also contains the names of past Foundation Chairs and has holders for the **Foundation Focus** newsletter and **In Memorial** cards.



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Former Foundation Chair Remembered

A plaque was recently placed on the wall outside the X-Ray department to honour Bill Swift, who was Chair of the SMH Foundation at the time of his sudden passing in April 2011. The plaque reads as follows:



In Memory of Bill Swift, who served as Chair of the Sackville Memorial Hospital Foundation from June 2009 - April 2011. Bill Swift's expertise, dedication and commitment helped shape and lead the Foundation in fulfilling its mission to raise funds and administer its resources to preserve, maintain, and enhance the quality of healthcare in the Tantramar region.

Bill Swift's wife Nancy, in front of the X-Ray Department, helps hang the plaque honouring her husband.

Foundation Purchases New Sound System for the Drew Nursing Home



From left to right: Residents Stephanie Bourque, Baxter Hicks (calling Bingo), Francis Snowdon and John Moss enjoy a game of Bingo.

The Recreation Department at the Drew Nursing Home recently received a welcome gift from the SMH Foundation. An \$1800 sound system replaces an aging one that was no longer working. A large percentage of residents have hearing difficulties and were affected by the poor quality of the programming being delivered. Activity Coordinators Donna Stephens and Jay Bohan are very pleased. "We are so grateful to the Foundation; now residents can enjoy enhanced sound for our many activities such as bingo, sing-songs, church services, Narrative Care Celebrations and other entertainment," say Stephens and Bohan. The new system includes speakers, channel mixer, and wireless microphones.

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